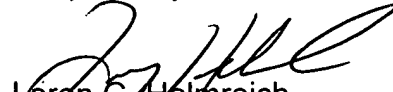


Remarks

In view of the above, early allowance of this application is solicited.

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